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BED COMPLEMENT—

CIVILIAN - - - -	86
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INCREASE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS BY RECOVERY OF INCOME TAX.

By virtue of the Income Tax Act, 1918, and subsequent Finance Acts, it is possible for the Hospital to effect an increase of its income by the recovery from the Inland Revenue Department of the Income Tax that has been paid by its subscribers in respect of their subscriptions. To enable the Hospital to do this, however, it is necessary that each subscriber should enter into a legally binding contract to pay the Hospital an annual subscription of a definite amount during a period of at least seven years.

The agreement is terminable by death, so that a subscriber's estate would not be liable for subsequent payments of the subscription.

TABLE SHOWING THE BENEFIT ACCRUING TO THE HOSPITAL FROM SEVEN YEARS' AGREEMENT SO LONG AS INCOME TAX REMAINS AT 9/- IN THE £.

Annual Subscription to be paid by Subscriber			Amount recovered by Hospital from Inland Revenue			Amount credited to subscriber on Subscription List		
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1	1	0		17	2	1	18	2
2	2	0	1	14	4	3	16	4
3	3	0	2	11	6	5	14	6
4	4	0	3	8	8	7	12	8
5	5	0	4	5	10	9	10	10
10	10	0	8	11	8	19	1	8

The Secretary will be pleased to forward the appropriate Deed of Covenant on application.

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EXTRACT FROM
THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
of
Cameron Hospital, West Hartlepool.

Objects

2. The objects of the Hospital shall be the reception and treatment of patients who have sustained injuries or are suffering from diseases (infectious or contagious cases excepted) requiring surgical or medical treatment, and who reside within the Boroughs of West Hartlepool or Hartlepool or such other Districts as the Management Committee may from time to time decide, on such conditions as may be agreed upon.

Cost of Maintaining

3. The cost of maintaining the Hospital shall be provided for by public subscriptions, donations, bequests, the interest arising from funds held in trust for the benefit of the Hospital, and by donations made by patients or friends.

Free Benefits

4. The free benefits of the Hospital shall be available to persons who are not in a position to provide themselves with private medical attendance. Other persons may be admitted, provided the patients or their friends subscribe to the funds of the Hospital such sums as shall be determined by the House Committee.

Subscriptions —when due

9. Subscriptions for the current year are due on the first day of January in each year, and are payable in advance.

Discontinuance of Subscriptions

10. All Annual Subscribers shall be considered as continuing their subscriptions until they signify the contrary to the Secretary or Treasurer.

Subscriber's Vote at Meeting

11. Every Annual Subscriber of £1 1s. 0d. or more shall be entitled to vote at the General Meeting of the Subscribers or at any Special Meeting as hereinafter provided.

Special Meeting

14. A Special Meeting of Subscribers and Representatives shall be summoned at the request of the Committee of Management or at the request of twelve Subscribers or Representatives by application to the Committee of Management.

Admission

76. Emergency cases shall be admitted at any hour of the day or night. Other applicants seeking admission shall present themselves at any time, Sundays excepted, at 9-30 a.m. for examination by the House Surgeon. If found suitable they will be admitted so far as the accommodation of the Hospital admits.

Accepted Cases

78. Accepted cases for which there is no immediate room will be sent for by the House Surgeon as vacancies occur.

Ineligible Cases

79. The following cases are ineligible :—

Those who upon examination are deemed incurable or not likely to receive permanent relief ;

Those suffering from Phthisis or Mental Diseases, and those whose complaints are likely to be so tedious as to preclude the admission of more urgent cases ;

Those whose admission might endanger other patients.

Obey Directions

82. Patients shall obey the directions of the Medical Staff, the House Surgeon, the Matron and the Nurses.

Bringing Food or Liquor to Hospital

83. Patients shall be permitted to supplement the diet provided by the Hospital with fruit, eggs and other light foods, subject to the approval of the Doctor or Nurse in charge. No medicine or intoxicant shall be brought into the hospital by or for the use of any patient.

Handing over Valuables

86. Patients on admission shall hand to the Matron all money or valuables, and shall be given a receipt. The Hospital will not be responsible for any loss through neglect of this precaution.

Visiting

88. Relations and friends may visit patients under the following conditions :—

On Saturdays ...	...	from 2–30 p.m. to 3–30 p.m.
On Sundays ...	...	from 3—0 p.m. to 4—0 p.m.
On Wednesdays...	...	from 2—0 p.m. to 3—0 p.m.
On Thursdays ...	...	from 6–30 p.m. to 7–30 p.m. (for male visitors only)

No other visits will be allowed except by permission of the House Surgeon or, in his absence, the Matron.

Number

89. Each patient is allowed two visitors only at a time. Each visitor is allowed to see one patient only. Ward to ward visiting is not allowed.

Children visiting

90. Children will be admitted as visitors if in charge of a responsible person, subject to Rule 89.

Infectious Visitors

91. Visitors in whose household any infectious disease prevails will not be allowed to visit the Hospital.

Finance Committee

35. The Finance Committee shall, subject to the control of the Management Committee, superintend and manage the finances of the Hospital and shall, in particular, initiate, foster and manage schemes for increasing the income of the Hospital.

Investments

40. The Finance Committee shall, subject to the approval of the Management Committee, invest in the name of the Trustees all money for investments.

OFFICERS OF THE HOSPITAL FOR 1946.

President :

SIR WILLIAM GRAY, Bart.

Vice-Presidents :

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J. E. MITCHELL, M.D.
N. GRAHAM.
B. AARVOLD
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W. J. YEATS.
W. N. CROSBY.

Honorary Treasurer :

H. P. LLOYD,
National Provincial Bank Limited, West Hartlepool.

Hon. Assistant Treasurer :

S. R. JACKMAN.

Honorary Solicitor :

F. W. J. WEBB.

Honorary Auditors :

W. T. WALTON & SON.

Honorary Architect :

F. DURKIN, A.M.I.C.E.

Emergency Officer :

J. E. MITCHELL, M.D.

Matron :

MISS S. BRESLIN.

Secretary :

C. S. KAY, A.H.A.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Chairman : N. GRAHAM.

Representing West Hartlepool Corporation :

Alderman E. Bloom.
Alderman J. Middleton, J.P.
Councillor S. Metcalfe.
Councillor F. Rogers.

General Subscribers' Representatives :

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F. C. Birks.
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J. Fenwick.
G. C. Lupton
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J. Barker.
G. W. Gledden.
W. M. Shields.
A. Standing.

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R.A.O.B., G.L.E., South Durham Province :

W. Coates.
G. Martin.
W. E. Savage.

Association of Friends of Cameron Hospital :

F. Binks.
Mrs. E. Clarke.
Mrs. A. Hird.
J. W. Hooker.
Mrs. M. Robson.
Mrs. E. Smith.
J. P. Smith.

Association of Local Tradesmen :

J. Appleyard.
H. Davies.
J. Lauder.
W. F. Smith.

Hartlepools and District Hospital Sunday Fund :

Rev. J. E. Lee

Hartlepools Co-operative Society Ltd. :

Mrs. A. Salt
Mrs. H. M. Worthy

Hartlepool's Hospital Quoit Championship :

J. K. Huntley.

Ladies' Hospital Guild :

Mrs. H. L. Hogg
Miss S. Rowe

Association of Clubs :

H. Campbell
J. McLoughlin
A. Cook
J. McElvenny
J. Gibbons
T. O. Smith

Nursery Inn Gardeners' Society :

J. Armstrong.
R. E. Bradshaw.
J. Gibson.

West Hartlepool Boilermakers' Institute :

T. H. Wood
T. L. Wilson

Workpeople's Representatives :

Central Marine Engine Works :

F. Emerson.
J. Fender.
B. Marshall.
D. Thoburn.
R. Todd.

Dock Workers :
J. Bratton.

Billingham Works Hospital Committee :
G. Kirkman

Hartlepools & District Post Office Benevolent Society :
F. M. Roworth

Hartlepools Co-operative Society Employees Hospital and Benevolent Fund :

H. Baker.
A. Foster.
C. A. Franks.
P. Gibson.
T. E. Hart.
J. Payne.
R. W. Pounder.

Hartlepool Gas & Water Company :
A. E. Sinden

Head Wrightson Stampings Ltd. :
N. Lutz.

London & North Eastern Railway :

D. W. Bavage.
J. Bell.
R. O. Bird.
W. Braithwaite.
W. Bratt.
Coun. T. Breward.
F. J. Cooper.
J. H. Davis.
M. Horsley.
Coun. C. E. Johnson
A. Neilson.
R. B. Smalley.
H. G. Smith.
J. W. Thornton.
A. L. White.
T. F. Wilson.
A. Wray.

Durham County Constabulary—West Hartlepool Division.
Supt. W. Cook.

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T. Brannon.
T. Cornforth
N. Crosby
F. Dennis
W. Gowan
J. T. Hall
P. Hall
T. Heaton
J. W. Hodgson.
L. Johnson
G. Kennedy
J. Martindale
C. Mulvey
A. Robinson
J. Smith
J. Stainsby
M. Stephenson
A. Tetlow
M. Todd
R. Turner
T. Walker
J. Westmoreland
G. Wootton
W. Wright.

Wm. Gray & Co. Ltd., Foremen, Draughtsmen and Officials :
J. R. Cranstoun
S. Thompson

Durham Paper Mills Ltd. :
L. Brownlee
A. Mathieson
J. E. Smith

Expanded Metal Co. (Stranton Works Benevolent Society) :
W. Allen
E. A. Boddy
F. Roe

36 Ordnance Sub-Depot, R.A.O.C.
J. Noble.

Binns Ltd. :
J. Brown

West Hartlepool Teachers :

J. J. Conkerton
H. R. Faul
Miss F. Gawthrop
Miss N. Palmer
N. Peacock
Miss E. B. Shields
W. Turner
Miss D. Wardle
J. W. Worthy.

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Coun. T. Gormley
G. Gwilt
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W. Hull
A. Nossiter
R. Thomas.

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W. Atkinson
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R. Bell
T. Bell
H. Bowes
F. Braithwaite
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F. Butterfield
J. Calvert
S. Cartwright
A. Cook
T. Cooper
R. Cosgrove
W. Coxon
I. R. Daniels
E. Davies
P. Davison
J. W. Earl
J. Everall
F. Foster
T. R. Green
B. Greenwood
L. Guttridge
M. Guttridge
H. Hodgson
W. James
F. Kerr
T. Kelly
J. Kneeshaw
W. P. Lumley.
B. Middleton
C. Miller
D. Miller
G. Mitchell
S. Mitchell
G. Moore
T. McKenna
V. Nunn
A. Shaw
F. Simmonds
L. Teesdale
W. Watson
A. Wells
G. Whitfield
W. Wilson

West Hartlepool Corporation Employees :

Electricity Department. J. L. Blanthorn

Other Employees. W. Knox.
J. Oliver.
O. Stabler.

Wood Workers :

H. Webster
T. D. Whittet

Hartlepools Laundry & Dye Works :

Nurse Bray.

HOUSE COMMITTEE :

Chairman : N. GRAHAM.

The President,
The Vice-Presidents
Members of the Finance Committee
and the following Elected Members.

Workpeople's Representatives.	Subscribers' Reps.
W. Allen	J. Appleyard
R. O. Bird	O. H. Barton
L. Brownlee	F. Binks
J. Calvert	F. C. Birks
A. Davison	H. Campbell
F. Dennis	G. W. Gledden
F. Kerr	Mrs. H. L. Hogg
G. Kirkman	J. Metcalfe
W. P. Lumley	Ald. J. Middleton
J. Oliver	Dr. W. A. Nicholson
R. W. Pounder	Mrs. W. A. Nicholson
H. G. Smith	P. Peddie
J. Smith	W. M. Shields
D. Thoburn	Capt. A. Standing
J. Westmoreland	Mrs. P. Wilson
T. D. Whittet	T. H. Wood
W. Wright	Mrs. H. M. Worthy

Medical Board :

Dr. A. C. Ainsley	Dr. W. N. Rishworth
Dr. A. S. L. Biggart	Dr. A. C. Strain

FINANCE COMMITTEE :

Chairman : N. ARMSTRONG.

The President
The Chairman Management Committee
The Hon. Treasurer
The Asst. Hon. Treasurer
and the following Elected Members.

Ald. E. Bloom	T. P. Gibson
J. R. Bradshaw	J. T. Hall
D. Edgar	W. P. Lumley
J. Fenwick	Dr. J. E. Mitchell
	J. W. Worthy

FIXED MEETINGS

Finance Committee ...	1st Wednesday in month at 6-45 p.m
House Committee ...	1st Wednesday in month at 7-30 p.m.
Management Committee	2nd Wednesday in month at 7-30 p.m.

MEDICAL STAFF.

Honorary Consulting Physician :
A. E. S. JACK, M.D.

Honorary Consulting Surgeon :
A. V. McGREGOR, M.D.

Honorary Consulting Gynaecologist :
E. FARQUHAR MURRAY, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G.

Honorary Consulting Orthopaedic Surgeon :
C. GORDON IRWIN, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.) deputised by
EDWARD KNOWLES, M,Ch. Ortho., F.R.C.S. (Eng.)

Honorary Consulting Medical Officer of Health :
J. W. McKEGGIE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Honorary Physicians :
J. E. MITCHELL, M.D.
A. S. L. BIGGART, M.B., Ch.B.

Honorary Assistant Physician :
W. A. NICHOLSON, M.B., B.Chir.

Honorary Surgeons :
A. C. AINSLEY, F.R.C.S., (Eng.)
A. C. STRAIN, M.D.
W. N. RISHWORTH, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Honorary Aural Surgeon :
R. M. MARSHALL, F.R.C.S., (Edin.)

Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon :
R. N. AJINKYA, F.R.C.S., (Edin.) D.O., D.O.M.S.

Honorary Orthopaedic Surgeons :
A. C. AINSLEY, F.R.C.S., (Eng.)
W. N. RISHWORTH, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Honorary Assistant Surgeons :
W. M. CONLEY, M.B., Ch.B.
G. S. MATHER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Honorary Assistant Aural Surgeon :
G. STRAIN, M.B., Ch.B.

Honorary Radiologist :
J. KERR MUIR, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.M.R.E. (Cantab.)

Honorary Surgeon Dentist :
R. SOMERVILLE WOODIWIS, L.D.S.

Anaesthetists :
G. STRAIN, M.B., Ch.B.
A. RENNIE MUIR, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

STATISTICAL TABLES

STATISTICS for the year ended 31st December, 1945, compared with those of the previous year

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1. IN-PATIENTS

	1944	1945
A. Number of Beds and In-patients		
Total number of beds available 31st December (includes 18 E.M.S. beds)	104	104
Number of patients in Hospital 1st January	61	59
Number of patients admitted during year	1710	1962
Number of patients in Hospital 31st December	59	55
Average number of patients resident daily throughout the year	58	65
Average number of days each patient was resident	11.9	11.5
Number of patients awaiting admission on 31st December	62	76

B. Expenditure on In-Patients, apart from that of Out-Patients, for the Period of Twelve Months Ended 31st December, 1945.

Average Cost of Each In-Patient and Average Cost of Each In-Patient per week.

	Expenditure on In-Patients	Aver. Cost of each In-Patient	Aver. Cost of each In-Patient per week
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 Provisions	3030	1 10 10·7	18 10·4
2 Surgery & Dispensary	1460	14 10·6	9 1·1
3 Domestic	2581	1 6 3·7	16 0·8
4 Salaries & Wages (Main'nce)	6795	3 9 3·2	2 2 3·6
5 Miscellaneous	583	5 11·3	3 7·5
6 Administrative	989	10 0·9	6 1·9
7 Establishment	1168	11 10·9	7 3·3
8 Finance	47	5·7	3·5
	£16653	£8 9 9	£5 3 8·1

Average Cost per In-Patient per Day 14s. 9·7d.

STATISTICAL TABLES (Continued)

STATISTICS for the year ended 31st December, 1945 compared with those of the previous year

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OUT-PATIENTS

A. Numbers.

		1944	1945
1.	Number of new Out-patients	8296	7884
2.	Number of subsequent attendances	17019	12834
3.	Total number of Attendances	25315	20718

B. Expenditure on Out-Patients for the Period of Twelve Months Ended 31st December, 1945.

Average Cost of Each Out-Patient and Average Cost of Each Out-Patient Attendance.

	Expenditure on Out-Patients	Aver. Cost of each Out-Patient	Aver. Cost of each Out-Patient Attendance
	£	s. d.	s. d.
1 Provisions	57	1·8	0·6
2 Surgery & Dispensary	704	1 9·1	7·3
3 Domestic	191	5·7	1·9
4 Salaries & Wages (Main'ce)	1195	2 11·7	1 0·4
5 Miscellaneous	89	2·7	0·9
6 Administration	156	4·6	1·6
7 Establishment	10	0·3	0·1
8 Finance	7	0·2	·1
	£2409	6 0·1	2 0·9

Classification of Patients for the year ended 31st December, 1945, compared with those of the previous year.

	1945	1944
I. IN-PATIENTS.		
General—Medical	388	345
Surgical (including war casualties)	628	616
Accidents	303	234
Orthopaedic	128	68
Gynaecology	107	78
Maternity	15	8
Ophthmalic	39	51
Ear, Nose & Throat	297	245
Burns and Scalds	39	47
Dentals	18	18
	1962	1710
Live Babies born in Hospital	13	8
II. OUT-PATIENTS.		
New Out-Patients.		
General	763	715
Ophthalmic	212	268
Ear, Nose and Throat	379	429
Accidents	1362	1388
	2716	2800
Out-Patients Attendances.		
General	1649	2701
E.N.T.	2804	4026
	4453	6727
X-Ray Examinations.		
Ordinary	3253	3252
Service	399	409
T.B.	604	664
	4256	4325
Orthopaedic Department.		
New Patients.....	813	867

	1945	1944
Treatments—		
Massage	2497	2763
Exercises		842
Electrical	4389	5033
U.V.R.	1174	964
	8060	9602
Special Examinations	318	690

III. GENERAL.

No. of Operations—Major	1353	946
Minor	152	192
	1505	1138
Total Number of X-Ray Films used	5732	5628

Clinical Pathology.

In-Patient Examinations	131	118
Out-Patient do.	99	134
	230	252

Geographical Analysis of Patients Admitted During The Year, 1945.

District.	No. of Patients.
W. Hartlepool	1735
Hartlepool	7
Seaton Carew	79
Greatham	19
Hart	7
Elwick	8
Dalton Piercy	1
Horden, Wingate & District	23
Stockton. Middlesbrough & District	7
Billingham	2
Others	74
	1962

REPORT

OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945.

THE Management Committee has much pleasure in submitting to the Subscribers its 41st Annual Report, together with a Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

The Year's Work.

The Statistics set out in the Table forming an appendix to the report, show the volume of work undertaken during an exceptionally busy year, especially in the wards where the total number of persons admitted and treated is the highest on record. The waiting list has been kept low and operational work has been heavy. The Out-patients, X-Ray and Orthopaedic Departments have each been working to the maximum of their accommodation. The E.N.T., Orthopaedic and T.B. Clinics have imposed an increasing strain on the limited waiting room space in the Out-patients' Department. The reception of casualties during the sessions of the clinics in the Out-patients' department has presented a problem which is being resolved by the carrying out of alterations in the Orthopaedic Department which will provide a subsidiary casualty reception room there.

Finance.

The table set out overleaf affords a comparison of income and expenditure for the past ten years. The apparent surplus for the year may well be regarded as satisfactory, but the Committee feel constrained to offer some observations against a complacency which in their view cannot safely be indulged.

The date for the coming into force of any National Hospital Scheme remains uncertain and meantime the efficiency of our hospital is conditioned by our continued financial stability.

Expenditure has risen steeply, has continued to rise since the close of the year and there is no apparent alteration in that trend.

Since the beginning of the war up to the present time normal expenditure on repairs and renewals has not been possible and there has thus been accumulating a large liability against which the adequacy of the appropriations already made can only be a matter of conjecture.

The amount received from Government grants for services under the Emergency Medical Service has risen from £5,938 in 1944 to £6,376 in 1945 but will show a severe decline in the future.

Comparison of Income and Expenditure for the past ten years.

			Excess.	
Year	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
1936 ...	9906	9008	898	
1937 ...	10082	9931	151	
1938 ...	10459	9740	719	
1939 ...	9987	10754		767
1940 ...	16028	14599	1429	
1941 ...	16066	15464	602	
1942 ...	16048	15447	601	
1943 ...	17080	16230	850	
1944 ...	21328	18113	3215	
1945 ...	21871	19194	2677	

Workpeople's Contributions.

The table appended bears witness to a continued increase in these contributions and to a new and gratifying high record.

1941	5070
1942	5483
1943	5712
1944	5746
1945	6026

The admirable spirit which has produced these results has been illuminated by instances of a critical and stimulating attitude to them on the part of the workpeople's representatives themselves. Representatives have looked at these increases in the light of our greatly increased costs and have gone further in demonstrating to their own members the comparison between the total of their contributions on the one hand and the actual cost of the treatment their members have received on the other.

Legacies.

During the year the following legacies were received :—

£250	The Exors. of the late Dr. W. M. Ross.
£100	The Exors. of the late Mrs. Edith Hardy.
£90 9 3	Representing a further share from the Estate of the late Mr. S. S. Eades.
£90	The Exors. of the late Mr. A. McGlashan.

Reference was made in the last year's report to the WILSON BROWN bequest; a bequest of a reversionary interest in the entire residuary estate of the late Mr. John Wilson Brown of Woodlands, Wooler Road, West Hartlepool, who died in September, 1943. In February of this year Mrs. Wilson Brown joined in the ceremony of naming the South Ward the "Wilson Brown Ward" and of unveiling a commemorative tablet.

List of Subscriptions.

As paper is still in very short supply lists of subscriptions will not be published in this report but will be available in the Secretary's office.

Audit.

The books and accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. T. Walton & Son, Scarborough Street, West Hartlepool, and the Committee extend to them grateful thanks for a service which by reason of claims for state grants, etc., becomes increasingly onerous.

Emergency Hospital Scheme.

Your Committee has at the request of the Ministry of Health continued to reserve beds for the use of service personnel, and this reservation has been subject to substantial grants. The Ministry gave notification that the number of beds so reserved were to be reduced from 20 from the 1st April, 1945, and indicated that there would be a further reduction in the near future.

Richardson Convalescent Home.

The late Mr. R. T. Richardson of Barnard Castle in 1932 left practically the whole of his estate for the provision of a convalescent home at Barnard Castle, and this home will soon be ready for use. One half of its 24 beds are for the use of convalescents from the R.V.I. and Darlington War Memorial Hospital, and the other 12 beds are to be allocated to Durham County and N.R. Yorks Hospitals. Your Committee has agreed to make an annual subscription of £3 3 0 and in return it will be possible every year for eleven convalescents from this Hospital each to have a fortnight's rest in pleasant surroundings.

Association of Friends.

A total contribution of £750 within the year is most gratefully acknowledged. Your Committee records too its recognition of the manifold difficulties under which the Association has been working throughout the war. These difficulties continued to increase and culminated in the lamented death of the President, Mr. H. R. Fordham, to which reference is made elsewhere in this

report. In relation to so important an association your Committee must report events as at the moment of writing rather than as at the end of the year. In this sense it may be said that the Association has taken on a new lease of life under the presidency of Mr. J. W. Hooker and we look forward not only to a continuance of their essential financial support, but rather and with especial emphasis to the undertaking of a whole range of activities which the phrase "Friends of the Hospital," will call to the mind and which will be needed in increasing measure as our hospital comes to take its place in the projected National Scheme.

Cameron Hospital Association of Local Tradesmen.

Attention is directed to the excellent progress made by the Cameron Hospital Association of Local Tradesmen. Owing to war-time conditions, and shortage of helpers, the work of the Association was for a time greatly retarded. A number of new workers are now with the Committee, and their combined efforts are bearing fruit, as is evident from this year's donation to the Hospital of £219. In addition to their contributory scheme collections they have organized a Sunday evening concert at the Empire Theatre, West Hartlepool, and other smaller efforts.

Cameron Hospital Association of Clubs.

This, the youngest Associate Committee of the Hospital, has had another year of hard work in the Clubs of the town, reaping much benefit for the Hospital. Its many efforts have enabled no less a sum than £200 to be passed over to the general funds. Our Friends in the Clubs have done very well indeed.

Property and Alterations.

Every endeavour has been made to maintain the Hospital property in relation to the limited material and labour available, but much work remains to be done as soon as restrictions are eased. A large part of the interior has been cleaned and painted, and your Committee has accepted a Tender for very essential exterior painting.

The return to the Hospital of the Orthopaedic Building, used by the Local Authorities during the war as a First Aid Post, has greatly relieved the pressure on the main premises and has resulted in greater efficiency in the treatment of patients attending for Orthopaedic Treatments, but many alterations are necessary before the Department is up to its previous standard.

Black-out materials, and the major portion of the war-time blast baffles, have been removed, considerably lightening the various wards, departments, and living quarters. It will be possible to claim a grant from the Ministry of Health for removal of the brick walling.

Plans are afoot for the much needed extensions and improvements to the kitchen. A food trolley, the gift of the local Chamber of Trade, was a splendid addition to our equipment.

Honorary Officials.

The Committee acknowledges its indebtedness to the Honorary and Assistant Treasurers, Mr. H. P. Lloyd and Mr. D. Mole, the Honorary Architect, Mr. F. Durkin, and the Honorary Solicitor, Mr. F. W. J. Webb, for professional services.

Nursing Staff.

Exceptional difficulty has been experienced in maintaining the numbers of our nursing staff. This has become a national problem in which our Hospital in common with smaller hospitals generally is at a special disadvantage. As a result of continuous effort your Nurses Staffing Committee have been able to achieve a reasonable close approximation to establishment, but in view of the nation-wide shortage of nurses it has been found necessary to take our own steps to stimulate recruitment to the profession. Parties of selected school girls have been shown round the Hospital and a scheme is now under consideration whereby girls at school leaving age may become associated with the hospital and their general education continued with the assistance of a subsistence or maintenance grant from our funds until they become of age to be enrolled as Student Nurses.

Student Nurses are being sent for a period of eight weeks to the Preliminary Training School at Sunderland Infirmary. The Scheme has proved most successful and almost all those sent by us have returned to the Hospital to complete their training.

The co-operation of subscribers is asked in helping to stimulate recruitment by making known the very desirable conditions of service now attaching to nursing as a career.

It continues to be the practise for an elected representative of each grade of the nursing staff to meet the members of the Nurses' Staffing Committee at their regular meetings. An opportunity is thus afforded of making representations as to the conditions of service of the Nurses and of making constructive suggestions as to the working of the Hospital. This form of liaison has proved of great value and is being extended to the domestic staff along similar lines.

Ladies' Linen Guild and W.V.S.

The Ladies' Linen Guild is again to be congratulated for its good work in providing all the linen required by the Hospital. The sewing party, recruited from the W.V.S. has given its services one afternoon per week throughout the whole year, making up

and marking many articles. The work of both these organisations given freely and willingly has been invaluable.

Gifts from Red Cross Society of America.

Our American friends have nobly assisted the Hospitals with many very generous gifts, and all have been of great use in the Hospital. The gifts are far too varied to enumerate, but each article has been put to extremely good use. We are also indebted to Mr. J. Wilkinson, The Stockton Hospital Secretary, and Mr. G. T. Holt of the Hartlepools Hospital for undertaking local Hospital distributions.

Waste Paper Collection.

The Durham Paper Mills Ltd., has now ceased this useful war-time service. and handed over the final cheque of £388. In the war years this firm has donated over £2,000 from paper salvaged. The people who saved this paper, and the firm who collected, are to be congratulated on a splendid effort.

Obituary.

The Committee has to record with deep regret the deaths during the year of Mr. A. Frame a life governor, who was a works representative on the first Management Committee, Mr. A. McGlashan, a Vice-President of the Hospital for many years, and Mr. H. R. Fordham.

Mr. Fordham had served the Hospital as masseur for upwards of 25 years with conspicuous devotion to duty. He had also been an indefatigable worker for the Association of Friends since its inception and for the last three years as its President. He will long be held in affectionate and respectful memory by your Committee and a host of friends and grateful patients. The Memorial Fund authorised by your Committee is still open and contributions are invited either to the Honorary Treasurer at the National Provincial Bank, or to the Secretary at the Hospital. An announcement of the closing of the Fund will be made at an early date.

Honarary Medical Staff.

The Committee is deeply conscious of the gratuitous service of the Honorary Medical Staff who so continuously give of their best for the large number of patients flowing through the Hospital, and we wish to record here our sincere gratitude to them.

Secretaryship.

The Committee accords a welcome to Mr. C. S. Kay on his return from war service to his position as Secretary. It has also

recorded in the minutes its highest sense of appreciation of the services of Miss P. M. Betts throughout her tenure of the Secretaryship in the absence of Mr. Kay.

Thanks.

Cordial thanks are extended to the inumerable supporters of the Hospital, who by their gifts of money or in kind, have enabled the work of the Hospital to be maintained. We are also grateful to members of the Toc H, for the splendid service they freely give in the maintenance of the Hospital Library and Wireless Set, to the ladies of the W.V.S. in taking charge of the telephone switchboard each evening. The Clergy and Ministers of all denominations for their ministration to the sick, and to many others with greater or lesser degrees of service, all of whom have this year and in past years helped the Hospital to achieve its high standard of efficiency.

Conclusion.

The report is written with but little reference to the proposed National Health Service. At the close of the year the Government's proposals had not been published and at the moment of submitting this report the scheme lacks the accuracy and definition of statute. Nevertheless, the matter dominates our thoughts and conditions our activities. It may well be that the Voluntary System as we have known it is about to pass away, but your Committee is confident that the survival of the spirit of that system is called for as never before, to permeate and humanise a new, a more comprehensive and better hospital system for the greatest good not only of the greatest number but of everyone. The Committee feels itself to be working not so much in the shadow cast by the coming of great events, but rather in the light of their opportunity.

N. GRAHAM,
Chairman, Management Committee.

C. S. KAY, Secretary.

INVESTMENTS as at 31st December, 1945.

	Nominal Value. £	s.	d.	Cost. £	s.	d.
3½% War Loan, 1952	4044	2	6	4059	9	6
3% Defence Bonds	995	0	0	995	0	0
do.	255	0	0	255	0	0
3½% Conversion Loan, 1961 ...	2545	16	1	2000	0	0
3% Local Loans	2973	6	5	2575	0	0
2½% Consols	1833	5	8	1349	15	10
4% Consols	938	14	10	986	7	5
3% Savings Bonds	5250	0	0	5250	0	0
do.	300	0	0	300	0	0
Hull Corporation 3½% Irredeemable Stock	1000	0	0	1030	0	0
New Zealand Government 5% Inscribed Stock	933	7	11	1000	0	0
Government of the Commonwealth of Australia 3¾% ...	601	1	6	562	9	1
Southern Railway Company 4% Debenture Stock	6350	0	0	7219	11	9
Government of the Commonwealth of Australia 4% ...	1017	15	1	1000	0	0
Great Western Railway Company, 4% Debenture Stock ...	6190	0	0	7226	2	4
				£35808	15	11

Specially Earmarked for Deferred Expenditure.

2½% National War Bonds ...	2000	0	0	2000	0	0
3% Savings Bonds	500	0	0	500	0	0
				£2500	0	0
Local Loans	2609	1	1	2500	0	0

THE BALANCE SHEET OF

as at 31st

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.

	£	£	£
Building and Equipment Capital Account.			
As at 1944		47691	
Received during Year		125	
			47816
X-Ray Capital Account.			
As at 1944	2744		
Received during Year	345		
		3089	
Insurance Fund	643		
Less :—Repairs during Year	10		
		633	
			3722
Endowment Fund.			
As at 1944		35587	
Added during Year		232	
Surplus on Redemption of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Queensland Stock		4	
			35823
Reserve for Deferred Repairs.			
As at 1944		2500	
Added during Year		1000	
			3500
Revenue Account.			
As per Account			6553
Army, Navy and Air Force Pay Account.			
Amount due thereon			2
Forces Comforts Fund Account.			
Amount due thereon			28
			£97444

Examined with Books of Accounts and Vouchers and certified to be in accordance therewith.

THE CAMERON HOSPITAL

December, 1945

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.	£	£	£
Building and Equipment.			
Provided out of Donations—as at 1944		42911	
Provided out of Revenue		4657	
Cash at Bank		248	
			47816
X-Ray Equipment.			
As at 1944	2396		
Additions during Year	71		
		2467	
Cash at Bank		1255	
			3722
Endowment Fund.			
Investments at Cost		35809	
Cash at Bank		14	
			35823
Deferred Repairs.			
Investments at Cost :—			
2½% National War Bonds	2000		
3% Savings Bonds	500		
		2500	
Cash at Bank		1000	
			3500
Surgical Instruments and Appliances.			
Given and Provided out of Revenue		Not Valued.	
Emergency Stock of Drugs and Dressings		390	
Investment at Cost.			
£2609-1-1d. Local Loans		2500	
Emergency Hospital Scheme.			
Amount due at date—since paid ...		1873	
Cash at Bank.			
General Account		1775	
Cash in Hand		15	
			6553
Army, Navy and Air Force Pay Account.			
Cash at Bank			2
Forces Comforts Fund Account.			
Cash at Bank			28
			£97444

West Hartlepool, 3rd April, 1946.

W. T. WALTON & SON,
Hon. Auditors.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1944	EXPENDITURE		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
2984	**Provisions**			3086 18 4
	Surgery and Dispensary.			
	Drugs, Chemicals, etc.		827 9 7	
	Dressings, Bandages, etc.		310 9 9	
	Instruments and Appliances		394 12 4	
	Wines and Spirits		62 6 7	
	X-Ray Films, etc.		480 8 9	
2230	Sundries		88 11 11	
				2163 18 11
	Domestic			
	Repairs and Renewals of Furniture ...		392 10 7	
	Laundry		525 15 2	
	Cleaning and Chandlery		65 10 4	
	Water		117 14 0	
	Fuel and Lighting		1604 12 1	
	Uniforms		32 15 10	
2911	Sundries		33 8 4	
				2772 6 4
	Salaries and Wages—Maintenance			
	Medical		449 13 4	
	Nursing		4129 18 10	
	C.N.R.		696 6 0	
	Other Officers		2421 0 5	
	Superannuation Fund Hospital Proportion	338 9 6		
7495	*Less* :—Refunds	45 11 1		
			292 18 5	
				7989 17 0
	Miscellaneous.			
	Printing, Stationery, Postages, etc. ...		178 1 7	
	Advertisements		103 1 3	
	Insurance, Building Equipment, etc. ...		107 12 2	
	Garden and Sundries		49 9 5	
695	X-Ray Insurance Fund		234 0 0	
				672 4 5
	Administration.			
	Salaries		835 15 3	
	Printing, Stationery, Postages, etc. ...		175 3 5	
	Advertisements		5 8 0	
	Auditors' Honorarium		21 0 0	
	Sundries		62 9 11	
1059	Superannuation Hospital Proportion ...		45 0 0	
				1144 16 7
	Establishment.			
	Repairs and Renewals		178 5 3	
692	Provision for Deferred Expenditure ...		1000 0 0	
				1178 5 3
	Finance.			
	Rent and Rates		53 0 4	
47	Appeals		1 4 0	
				54 4 4
	A.R.P. Subject to Grant from Ministry		131 9 2	
				131 9 2
				19194 0 4
3215	**Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year, transferred to Revenue Account**			2677 4 8
21328				£21871 5 0

for the Year ended 31st December, 1945

1944	INCOME	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Voluntary Gifts.		
	Subscriptions, Donations, etc.		
1361	Annual Subscriptions	1514 11 9	
754	Donations—General	718 4 0	
177	,, —Patients	162 9 3	
825	Hospital Trust of the Hartlepools ...	825 0 0	
306	Nominated Dividends—Hartlepools Co-operative Society Account No. 19	521 5 2	
66	Shipping Dues	63 14 8	
5746	Workpeople's Fund	6026 9 3	
			9831 14 1
	Entertainments and Special Efforts.		
825	General	911 9 1	
360	Flag Day—Net Receipts	317 0 9	
551	Durham Paper Mills—Waste Paper Scheme	388 10 8	
			1617 0 6
	Hospitals Associations.		
800	Association of Friends	750 0 0	
157	Association of Local Tradesmen ...	219 9 4	
120	Association of Clubs	200 0 0	
			1169 9 4
76	**United Hospital Sunday**		86 13 9
	Receipts on Account of Services Rendered.		
879	Paying Patients	655 10 3	
131	Contributory Schemes	148 0 3	
36	Patients (Non-Contributors)	265 17 4	
6	R.T.A. Cases	59 12 11	
2	Approved Societies	— —	
5938	Ministry of Health Grants	6376 16 6	
			7505 17 3
	Invested Property.		
	Interest on Investments ... 1080 9 1		
1211	*Add* :—Recovery Income Tax 195 8 6		
		1275 17 7	
75	Rents—T.B. Clinic	— —	
434	Orthopaedic Department used as First Aid Post...	— —	
1	Use of Board Room	0 12 6	
			1276 10 1
	Miscellaneous.		
5	Sale of Silver Paper		— —
5	Allowance Anaesthetic Appliance ...		— —
	Other Receipts.		
164	State Grants, Nurses Salaries, B.H.A. Interim Payments		— —
317	Rushcliffe Scheme		384 0 0
21328			£21871 5 0

Dr. **REVENUE**

1944		£ s. d.
3875	To Balance per Balance Sheet ...	6552 16 0
3875		£6552 16 0

SUPERANNUATION

		£ s. d.
To Balance at Bank at 1st January, 1945		43 12 6
,, Contributions :—		
Employees (5%)	195 3 5	
Hospital (10%)	385 10 9	
		580 14 2
		£624 6 8

PRIVILEGES OF SUBSCRIBERS

Annual Subscribers of £1 1s. 0d. or more shall be entitled to attend the General and Special Meetings of Subscribers ; and will be eligible for election on the Management Committee in accordance with the Rules of the Hospital.

Any Corporate Body, Board of Guardians, Public Body of Subscribers, Church, Chapel, or other place of worship, group of Workpeople or Employees, Athletic or other Club, Trade or Friendly Society, or any other Association or Committee, shall be entitled to nominate one representative for every £25 subscribed or collected, to serve on the Management Committee.

Recommendation Letters

Each Annual Subscriber or Body of Subscribers shall receive one Letter of Recommendation for each £1 1s. 0d. subscribed, which will entitle them to recommend patients for treatment as follows :—

For a Subscription of £1 1 0 per Annum—
One Out-door Patient.

For a Subscription of £2 2 0 per Annum—
Two Out-door Patients or
One In-Patient.

For larger sums in the same proportion.

ACCOUNT

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1944		£	s.	d.
660	By Balance	3875	11	4
3215	,, Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year	2677	4	8
3875		£6552	16	0

ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.
By Premiums paid during year ...	544	7	9
,, Balance at Bank, being contributions on account of Premiums not due	79	18	11
	£624	6	8

The Management Committee invite Visits to the Hospital from Committees of Employees in Factories, Warehouses and other Establishments and from companies of interested friends, and they will be glad to arrange suitable dates on application being made to the Secretary.

THE FOLLOWING BEDS AND COTS have been named in perpetuity and are indicated by a plaque bearing an inscription in accordance with the wishes of the Benefactor

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WILSON WARD—the gift of Alderman Joseph Forster Wilson J.P. (November 1913).

1915	" Arthur Llewellyn Ford."
,,	" Mrs. Elizabeth Ford."
1916	" Elizabeth Crosby."
1921	" Chas. Henry Ford."
,,	" Joseph Forster and Emily Wilson."
1935	" Barbara Mildred Guthe."
1942	" Mary (Mamie) Chilton Young."
	" Mary Jane Lawson (Mamie's Mother)"
1944	" Ada Lund "

WILSON WARD VERANDAH—dedicated in memory of Robert Woodliffe Simpson (December 1917).

CHILDREN'S WARD

1907	" Kitty Crosby."
1915	" Eric Herbert Belk."
1916	" Gladys Lund."
1934	" West Hartlepool Schools Athletic Association."
,,	" Thomas and Annie Bower."
,,	" Basil Withy."
1943	" The William and Ann Harwood and Miles Harwood.'
1943	" The Bulmer Cot ".

WILSON BROWN WARD—named in commemoration of the late Mr. John Wilson Brown, (1944).

1923	" James E. Brown."
1936	" Victory Social Club."

NORTH WARD

1923	" Watson Cameron."
1942	" Ralph Hutchinson Young."

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF CAMERON HOSPITAL, WEST HARTLEPOOL.

The objects of the Association are to raise funds for the Hospital, to keep the Hospital, its needs and services constantly before the public of the districts it serves, and such other voluntary service on behalf of the Hospital as may seem desirable.

President :

J. W. HOOKER.

Vice-Presidents :

Barton, A.	Graham, N.	Wainwright, Mrs. C. L
Cameron, Mrs. J.W.	D'Alby, V.	Wilson, Mrs. P.
Cameron, J. W.	Mudd, Mrs. P. A.	Horsley, Mrs. G.
	Robson, J. E.	Yeats, W. J.

Executive Committee :

President	Watson, Mrs. M.	Buglass, F.
Vice-Presidents	Dewell, Mrs. E. M.	Taylor, Miss A. S.
Hon. Treasurer	Hird, Mrs. A.	Wyatt, Mrs. M.
Hon. Secretary	Clarke, Mrs. E.	Burton , Mrs. H.
Hon. Assist.	Clarke, E.	
Secretary	Roworth, Mrs. F.	
Smith, Mrs. E. W.	Roworth, F.	

Hon. General Secretary :

F. Binks, 30 Baden Street, West Hartlepool.

Hon. Assistant Secretary :

J. P. Smith.

Hon. Treasurer :

D. Mole, National Provincial Bank, West Hartlepool.

Hon. Auditors :

W. T. Walton & Son.

RECEIPTS

				£	s.	d.
Brought forward						
Cash at Bank	4	1	6			
Hon. Secretary	1	2	0			
North Ward	10	14	1			
Park Ward	2	11	4			
Seaton Town End Ward ...	3	15	3			
West Ward	10	7	5			
				32	11	7
Collecting Boxes.						
North	2	6	6			
Seaton Village	5	1	3			
Park	33	12	6			
Seaton Town End	8	11	7			
West	16	9	3			
Sundry	146	3	11			
				212	5	0
Seaton Village Ward Efforts ...				17	6	9
Joint Ward Efforts.						
Christmas Draw				218	6	5
Carlton Rooms				21	7	6
Revue by Miss Lambert and Party				9	0	3
Donations				132	0	0
VE Day Appeal				14	18	6
3rd Company of Boy Scouts ...				20	5	0
Refund of Hire Charge for Town Hall (Baby Show, 1944) ...				4	4	0
Garden Party				81	0	10
Sale of Waste Paper				1	19	1
				£765	4	11

PAYMENTS

Transferred to Cameron Hospital				750	0	0
Advertising Annual Meeting ...					6	0
Advert re "V" Day Appeal ...					12	0
West Ward Expenditure... ...					11	3
Postages, etc.				1	2	0
Balances in Hand.						
Cash at Bank	8	19	11			
Park Ward		7	0			
North Ward	2	6	6			
Seaton Town End	1	0	3			
				12	13	8
				£765	4	11

We certify that we have audited the Accounts of the Association for the year ended the 30th September, 1945, and that they are in order according to the books and vouchers produced to us.

(Sgd.) O. H. BARTON,

6th April, 1946. D. MOLE.

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS of the CAMERON HOSPITAL

REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

in respect of the year ended 30th September, 1945.

The Executive Committee has pleasure in presenting its Annual Report for the year to 30th September, 1945.

President and Vice-Presidents.

During the year the Association has been guided by Mr. H. R. Fordham, who, for his third year as President, continued to exert himself in many ways in the interests of the Association. Unfortunately, since the close of our year, we have suffered a grievous loss in the sudden death of Mr. Fordham. The Hospital and the Friends have lost a faithful employee as well as an untiring worker, and he will be greatly missed by countless people in all walks of life. Also during the year we lost the services of Mr. J. E. Robson, who, though not a very frequent visitor to our meetings, was always to be relied upon whenever he could help us in any way. Our remaining Vice-Presidents have served us well, and we desire once again to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Horsley for her invaluable support.

Ward Committees.

The only ward which has functioned individually during the year has been the Seaton Village Ward, and we would take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Wyatt for keeping the flag flying in her ward until it is possible to obtain more help.

Finance.

For the second year in succession our contribution to the Cameron Hospital has shown a drop when compared with the previous year and for the twelve months to 30th September, 1945, our transfers to the Hospital amounted to £750 as against £800 in the previous year. The biggest single item on our revenue side has been the Christmas Raffle (218 6 5), the huge success of which was due in the main to our President. A most pleasing

donation of £40 was received from Mr. Wood, who gave us the option of this sum of money or a plot of land as a token of his appreciation of services he had received from the Hospital. Individual donations have continued to be received from various sources, and the Ladies' Bowling teams have again sent us donations from their season's activities.

Conclusion.

It is regretted that our Report is not so bright as we had hoped, but strenuous efforts are being put forward to revive the Association and to make it into that active force it was two or three years back. There is little doubt that the work of the Association must continue, and we are confident that we shall not appeal in vain for willing and energetic workers. We extend our thanks to all who have assisted us in any way whatever, and at the same time express the hope that their support will continue in increasing measure.

Ward Committee Officials.

NORTH WARD.

Hird, Mrs. A., 9 Suggitt Street. — Chairman.

PARK WARD.

Smith, Mrs. E.W., 54 Eamont Gardens. Chairman.
Watson, Mrs. M., 6 Rossall Street. — Treasurer.
Dewell, Mrs. E. M., 70 Arncliffe Gardens.— Secy.

SEATON (Town End) WARD.

Clarke, Mrs. E., 13 Whitfield Drive. Secretary.
Clarke, E., 13 Whitfield Drive. — Treasurer.
Smith, J. P., 39 Penrhyn Street. — Chairman.

SEATON (Village) WARD.

Taylor, Miss A.S., Langdale, Station Lane.Chairman.
Wyatt, Mrs. M., 28 Station Lane. — Secretary.
Burton, Mrs. H., Landon, Station Lane. Treasurer.

WEST WARD.

Roworth, Mrs. F., 16 Cobden Street. Secretary.
Roworth, F., 16 Cobden Street. — Chairman;

ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL TRADESMEN.

Objects and Conditions of Membership.

THERE are those in this area who are ABLE but DO NOT support their Hospital who, if sickness or accident came upon them, would be obliged to seek the help of the Hospital and would expect to receive free treatment. Such patients now often occupy beds to the exclusion of those who DO subscribe.

In justice to REGULAR SUBSCRIBERS, this Association has now been formed to provide an avenue for those self-employed persons and their families who, it is known, desire to subscribe to the Cameron Hospital, in a small way and for whom there has heretofore been no organisation available.

Membership of the Association is limited to self employed persons only.

The Annual Subscription is 13/- per shop or establishment not to include any employees or children over 16 years of age. For children over 16 years and up to 21 years an additional subscription of 5/- per annum will be payable, and for persons (single) over 21 years 13/- per annum, provided they are not employed elsewhere.

Subscriptions may be paid annually on 1st November, or quarterly on 1st November, 1st February, 1st May and 1st August. IN ADVANCE.

THE BENEFITS OF THE SCHEME are to provide free treatment at the Cameron Hospital to members and their families under 16 years for any period as an indoor or outdoor patient when recommended by their doctor. Members being admitted to the Hospital as paying patients will receive a reduction of 25% from the account of the Hospital charges.

All monies collected will be paid by the Association to the Cameron Hospital on 31st October in each year and will be devoted to ordinary maintenance purposes.

Further particulars of the scheme may be obtained from the Hon. Sec., or member of the Committee of the Association.

ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL TRADESMEN.

OFFICERS.

Chairman :
J. LAUDER, North Road, Elwick.

Hon. Treasurer :
Mrs. P. BAINBRIDGE, 10, Duke Street.

Hon. Auditors :
T. WELFORD,
J. APPLEYARD.

Hon. Secretary :
Mrs. W. G. WRIGHT, 6, Wansbeck Gardens
Assist. Sec. : J. APPLEYARD, 54, Lynn St.

COMMITTEE AND COLLECTORS

Mrs. S. E. Coverdale	J. Appleyard
W. Rose	H. Davies
Miss M. Boland	Mrs. L. Burton
Mr. G. Thacker.	H. Barnes
Mrs. G. Thacker	T. Greenwell.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31st October, 1945.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, 31/10/44 ...		84	9	10	By Petty Cash due to Secretary ...	1	0	0
,, Revenue from Advertisements— Empire Concert	1 17 6				,, Donation Cameron Hospital ...	84	0	0
,, Subscriptions—	101 5 3				,, Balance at Bank, 31/10/45 ...	154	7	2
,, Donation—	50 0 0							
		153	2	9				
,, Mr. J. Appleyard		1	12	6				
,, Waste Paper ...			2	1				
		£239	7	2		£239	7	2

Audited and found correct, (Sgd.)T. WELFORD.
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ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL TRADESMEN

Annual Report for Year ended October 31st, 1945.

On October 31st, 1945, the Local Tradesmen's Association came to the end of its 9th year.

The number of subscribers on the books was 168 as against 164 the previous year.

The total amount of the subscriptions during the year was £101 5 3, in addition to which we have received a donation of £50.

We have to thank Mrs. Burton of Seaton Carew for her efforts in organising a whist drive to start the social fund of the Association, a fund which can be drawn on for expenses for concerts etc. The thanks of the Committee also go to Mr. Greenwell and Mr. Barnes for promoting a dance at the Boilermakers' Club for the same purpose. The proceeds from these two functions were £3 3 0 from Mrs. Burton and £3 7 0 from Mr. Greenwell.

On Sunday evening, 25th November, a concert was given at the Empire Theatre by the Vestertainers, the proceeds of which were to be divided as last year—two thirds to the Cameron Hospital and one third to Hartlepools Hospital..

We are deeply grateful to the Management of the Empire, Mr. A. E. S. Barker and the W.H.O.D.S. Vestertainers, also to Miss Betts and Mr. Appleyard who have worked so strenuously to achieve the grand success of the concert.

As the result of this effort the Cameron Hospital, through the Local Tradesmen's Association, will benefit by the sum of £69 6 8, being the two thirds share of the proceeds.

We were very pleased to welcome back Mr. G. Thacker as a member of the Committee. He has been abroad on active service and hopes to be able soon to be a regular worker again when he is finally demobilised.

Out of this year's subscriptions and donations we propose to give a cheque for £150 from the Cameron Hospital Association of Local Tradesmen.

(Signed) J. LAUDER, Chairman.
F. A. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

VISITING DAYS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS ATTENDING THE OUT-PATIENTS DEPARTMENT.

Department.	*Name.*	*In Attendance.*
Casualty	House Surgeon	Daily at 9-30 a.m.
Surgical	Mr. A. C. Ainsley	Noon on Tuesday.
Medical	(Dr. J. E. Mitchell (Dr. A. S. L. Biggart	Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Friday at 11-0 a.m.
Orthopaedic	Dr. W.N. Rishworth	Monday and Friday at 11-0 a.m.
Ear, Nose & Throat	Mr. R. M. Marshall	Monday at 9 a.m.
Ophthalmic	Mr. R. N. Ajinkya	Wednesday at 11-30 a.m.
X-Ray	Dr. J. K. Muir	Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Sat. at Noon and Friday at 11-0 a.m.
Obstetric	Prof. E. F. Murray	First Wednesday alternate months at 11-0 a.m.
Dental	Mr R. Somerville-Woodiwis	Thursday at 11-0 a.m.
Orthopaedic	Mr. Gordon Irwin deputised by Mr. E. Knowles	Thursday 3 p.m. by appointment.
Pathological	Dr. W. A. Nicholson	Thursday at 3-30 p.m.

URGENT CASES ATTENDED TO AT ANY TIME.

Named Beds and Cots

at the

Cameron Hospital.

A DONATION or LEGACY of £500
Will NAME a COT in PERPETUITY.

A DONATION or LEGACY of £1,000
Will NAME a BED in PERPETUITY.

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Benefactions for the purpose of naming a BED or COT are invested and the income applied towards the permanent maintenance of the Bed or Cot.

This is one of the highest forms of benefit conferrable upon the Hospital as it ensures a perpetual income for the carrying on of a great work of healing.

A List of Beds and Cots already named appears on page 30.

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